

# **Attachment No. 5**

# It's Time to End Carbon Capture of Climate Policy

## An Open Letter to US and Canadian Leaders

On behalf of our millions of members and supporters across the United States and Canada, we call on policymakers to recognize that carbon capture and storage (CCS) is not a climate solution. It is a dangerous distraction driven by the same big polluters who created the climate emergency.

**CCS is unnecessary.** Renewable energy sources like solar and wind are cheaper and cleaner than fossil fuels. CCS just makes dirty energy more expensive and more energy-intensive.

**CCS does not work.** CCS projects have systematically overpromised and underdelivered. Despite the billions of taxpayer dollars wasted on CCS to date, the technology has not made a dent in CO2 emissions.

**CCS will do little to reduce industrial emissions.** Deploying CCS at scale is not economically viable for most heavy-emitting industries, such as plastic or chemical manufacturing. It diverts resources from available and scalable alternatives such as replacing fossil fuels with clean renewable energy sources to supply power and heat, and reusing inputs to reduce the production of virgin material.

**CCS makes dirty energy even more dangerous for frontline communities.** Facilities equipped with carbon capture technology have to burn more fossil fuel to get the same energy output, resulting in increased emissions of toxic and hazardous pollutants, like fine particulates (PM2.5).

**CCS imposes even more risks on communities from CO2 pipelines and storage.** Transporting, injecting, and storing CO2 presents new environmental, health, and safety hazards in communities targeted for CCS infrastructure. Pipelines can leak or rupture, and injection can contaminate water sources. These risks fall disproportionately on Black, Brown, Indigenous, and low-income communities, further entrenching a bleak history of environmental racism.

**Most CCS benefits polluters.** Nearly 80% of captured carbon is used to pump more oil out of the ground through “enhanced oil recovery.” Polluting industries are using the myth of CCS to justify business-as-usual operations that are dangerous for the climate and communities. Pumping even more public funds into new CCS subsidies for fossil fuel and petrochemical industries will just prop up unsustainable business models.

**We don’t need to *fix* fossil fuels; we need to *ditch* them. Instead of capturing carbon to pump it back underground, we should keep fossil fuels in the ground in the first place.** And instead of bankrolling CCS, public funds should be boosting sustainable, job-creating solutions to the climate crisis, for fossil-dependent workers and communities: phasing out oil, gas, and coal; investing in energy efficiency and non-combustion renewable energy sources; and protecting forests and other ecosystems that naturally capture and store carbon.

**It’s time for decision-makers to abandon the dirty, dangerous myth of CCS. We call on you to:**  
**Stop subsidizing CCS. Stop permitting CCS. Stop using CCS to justify climate inaction.**  
**And don’t pretend you’re a climate leader if CCS is part of your climate plan.**

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| 198 methods   | Catholic Divestment Network                                    | Earth Day Network  | Homewise Realty                                       | Nuclear Watch South                                | Socially Responsible Agriculture Project                          |
| 2 Degrees Northampton                                   | CatholicNetwork US   | Earthworks   | Hudson River Sloop Clearwater                         | NY-16 Indivisible                                  | Society of Native Nations   |
| 350 Bay Area Action                                     | Catskill Mountaineer   | EcoEquity  | Idle No More SoCal                                    | NYC Environmental Justice Alliance                 | Solidarity Info Service   |
| 350 Brooklyn  | Center for Biological Diversity                                | EcoHealth Network  | In the Shadow of the Wolf                             | Occupy Bergen County                               | Sonoma County Climate Activist Network                            |
| 350 Butte County  | Center for Climate Integrity                                   | Ecologos Water Docs  | Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition                    | Ocean Conservation Research                        | South Shore Audubon Society                                       |
| 350 Central Mass  | Center for Coalfield Justice                                   | Education, Economics, Environmental, Climate & Health Organization | Indigenous Environmental Network                      | Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition                | Southeast Faith Leaders Network                                   |
| 350 Colorado  | Center for Environmental Health                                | Electric Auto Association of Central Coast California              | Indivisible CA-43                                     | Oil & Gas Action Network                           | SouthWings  |
| 350 Conejo / San Fernando Valley                        | Center for Environmentally Recycled Building Alternatives      | Elgin Green Groups 350   | Indivisible Pittsfield                                | Oil Change International                           | Spirit of the Sun   |
| 350 Corvallis   | Center for International Environmental Law                     | Empower Our Future   | Inland Ocean Coalition                                | On Behalf of Planet Earth                          | Spottswoode Winery  |
| 350 Eugene  | Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment                      | Endangered Species Coalition                                       | INOCHI / Women for Safe Energy                        | Organized Uplifting Resources & Strategies         | Springfield Climate Justice Coalition                             |
| 350 Hawaii  | Chicago Area Peace Action                                      | Environmental Defence Canada                                       | Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy            | Our Climate Education Fund                         | Stand.earth   |
| 350 Juneau  | Choctawhatthee Riverkeeper                                     | Environmental Protection Information Center                        | Institute for Policy Studies Climate Policy Program   | Our Revolution Minnesota                           | Stop Fracking Long Beach  |
| 350 Kishwaukee  | Church Women United in New York State                          | Environmental Transformation Movement of Flint                     | Interfaith Council for Peace & Justice                | Our Santa Fe River                                 | Stop SPOT & Texas Gullfink: Save Our Gulf Coast                   |
| 350 Maine   | Citizen Power  | Environmental Working Group  | International Indigenous Youth Council Los Angeles    | Parents for Climate                                | Stop the Algonquin Pipeline Expansion                             |
| 350 Massachusetts                                       | Citizens Action Coalition                                      | ENVironnement JEUnesse   | Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement               | Partnership for Policy Integrity                   | Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development                     |
| 350 Merced  | Citizens Awareness Network                                     | Environnement Vert Plus  | Ironbound Community Corporation                       | Pax Christi USA New Orleans                        | Sunflower Alliance  |
| 350 Montana   | Citizens' Resistance at Fermi 2                                | Extinction Rebellion New Brunswick                                 | John Muir Project                                     | Peak Plastic Foundation                            | Sunrise Knoxville   |
| 350 New Hampshire                                       | Ciudadanos Del Karso   | Extinction Rebellion New Orleans                                   | Justice & Beyond                                      | Peninsula Interfaith Climate Action                | Sunrise Movement New Orleans                                      |
| 350 New Orleans   | Clean Air Action Network of Glens Falls                        | Extinction Rebellion San Francisco Bay Area                        | Klamath Forest Alliance                               | People Over Petro Coalition                        | Sustainable Belmont   |
| 350 NYC   | Clean Air Now  | Family Farm Defenders  | KyotoUSA  | People's Solar Energy Fund                         | Sustainable Medina County   |
| 350 Sacramento  | Clean Energy Action  | Fenceline Watch  | LaPlaca & Associates                                  | People's Health Movement Canada                    | Sustainable Orillia Youth Council                                 |
| 350 Seattle   | Clean Energy Now Texas   | First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn                              | Leadnow   | People's Party                                     | Syracuse Cultural Workers   |
| 350 Spokane   | Climate Action Now Western Mass                                | First Unitarian Universalist Church of New Orleans                 | Living Rivers   | Peoples Climate Movement New York                  | TBL Communications  |
| 350 Tacoma  | Climate Action Powell River                                    | Florida Student Power Network                                      | Local Environmental Action Demanded Agency            | Physicians for Social Responsibility Arizona       | Texas Campaign for the Environment                                |
| 350 Triangle  | Climate Action Rhode Island / 350 Rhode Island                 | Food & Water Watch   | Long Beach 350  | Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania  | Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services                     |
| 350 Wenatchee   | Climate Emergency Unit   | Food Shift   | Long Island Progressive Coalition                     | Pipe Line Awareness Network for the Northeast      | Texas Grassroots Alliance   |
| 350.org   | Climate Hawks Vote   | For Our Kids North Shore British Columbia                          | Longmeadow Pipeline Awareness Group                   | Plastic Free Delaware                              | The Borneo Project  |
| A Community Voice                                       | Climate Justice Alliance                                       | For Our Kids Toronto   | Los Padres ForestWatch                                | Plastic Pollution Coalition                        | The Climate Center  |
| Action Center on Race & the Economy                     | Climate Justice Montreal                                       | Forest Unlimited   | Louisiana League of Conscious Voters                  | PlasticFreeRestaurants.org                         | The Climate Mobilization  |
| ActionAid USA   | Climate Justice Ottawa   | Fossil Free California   | Lower 9th Ward Neighborhood Watch                     | Plymouth Friends for Clean Water                   | The Climate Reality Project Canada                                |
| Advocates for Springfield                               | Climate Reality Project New Orleans                            | Fossil Fuel Divest Harvard   | Manhattan Project for a Nuclear-Free World            | Post Carbon Institute                              | The Enviro Show   |
| AFGE Local 704  | ClimateFast  | Fox Valley Citizens for Peace & Justice                            | Maryland Legislative Coalition                        | Power Past Fracked Gas                             | The Forest Foundation   |
| Alabama Interfaith Power & Light                        | Coal River Mountain Watch                                      | FracTracker Alliance   | Mass Peace Action                                     | Power Shift Network                                | The Freedom BLOC  |
| Alberta Liability Disclosure Project                    | Coalition Against Death Alley                                  | FreshWater Action Network  | Maternal & Child Health Access                        | Presentation Sisters                               | The Future Left   |
| Algallita   | Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipeline New Jersey                  | FreshWater Accountability Project                                  | Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement              | Preserve Montgomery County Virginia                | The Green House Connection Center                                 |
| Alliance for a Green Economy                            | Coalition for a Nuclear Free Great Lakes                       | Fridays for Future Toronto   | Michigan Alliance for Justice in Climate              | Progressive Democrats of America                   | The Last Beach Cleanup  |
| Alliance for Affordable Energy                          | Coalition for Outreach, Policy, Education                      | Friends of Buckingham  | Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition              | Public Citizen                                     | The Last Plastic Straw  |
| Amazon Watch  | Colorado Businesses for a Livable Climate                      | Friends of the Earth Canada  | Michigan Interfaith Power & Light                     | Public Goods Institute                             | The Lilies Project  |
| American Environmental Health Studies Project           | Colorado Small Business Coalition                              | Friends of the Earth U.S.  | Mid-Missouri Peaceworks                               | Publish What You Pay United States                 | The River Project   |
| American Family Voices                                  | Colorado Small Business Coalition                              | Fuerza Mundial   | Milwaukee Riverkeeper                                 | Pueblo Action Alliance                             | The Wei   |
| American Indian Movement Southern California            | Columbus Community Bill of Rights                              | Genesis Farm   | MiningWatch Canada                                    | Rachel Carson Council                              | Three Mile Island Alert   |
| Animals Are Sentient Beings                             | Comox Valley Council of Canadians                              | Georgia Strait Alliance  | Mission Blue  | Rainforest Action Network                          | Toledo Coalition for Safe Energy                                  |
| Animas Valley Institute                                 | Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety                          | Glasswaters Foundation   | Moral ReSources                                       | Rapid Shift Network                                | Transition Sebastopol   |
| Anthropocene Alliance                                   | Concerned Citizens of Saint John                               | Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives                       | Mothers Out Front                                     | Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association           | Turtle Island Restoration Network                                 |
| Atchafalaya Basinkeeper                                 | Concerned Health Professionals of New York                     | Global Justice Ecology Project                                     | Mothers Out Front Tompkins                            | RedTailed Hawk Collective                          | Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Binghamton Green Sanctuary |
| Athens County's Future Action Network                   | Concerned Ohio River Residents                                 | Global Witness   | MoveOn.org Hoboken                                    | Redwood Justice Fund/ Prison Radio                 | Unitarian Universalist Mass Action                                |
| Atlantic Coast Conference Climate Justice Coalition     | Conejo Climate Coalition                                       | Grand(m)others Act to Save the Planet                              | My Sea to Sky   | Renewable Energy Long Island                       | Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community             |
| Ban Single-Use Plastics                                 | Congregation of Sisters of Saint Agnes                         | Grandmothers Advocacy Network                                      | Nassau Hiking & Outdoor Club                          | Réseau Québécois sur l'Intégration Continentale    | United North Metro Denver   |
| Below 2°C   | Conservation Congress  | Grassroots Environmental Education                                 | Nature Canada   | Resistance Action Tuesdays & Thursdays Pack        | United Church of Christ Environmental Justice Ministry            |
| Ben & Jerry's   | Conservation Council for Hawaii                                | Grassroots Global Justice Alliance                                 | Nature Rhythms  | Resource Renewal Institute                         | Utah Valley Earth Forum   |
| Berks Gas Truth   | Cool Effect  | Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association                             | Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala    | Respecting Aboriginal Values & Environmental Needs | Valley Watch  |
| Better Path Coalition                                   | Cooperative Energy Futures                                     | Great Old Broads for Wilderness                                    | Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force                       | RESTORE: The North Woods                           | Verde   |
| Beyond Plastics   | Corporate Accountability                                       | Great Plains Action Society  | New Energy Economy                                    | Rio Grande Valley Great Old Broads for Wilderness  | Veterans for Peace Climate Crisis & Militarism Project            |
| Biofuelwatch  | Cottonwood Environmental Law Center                            | Greater Grand Rapids NAACP   | New Jersey State Industrial Union Council             | RISE St. James                                     | Wall of Women   |
| Black Mesa Trust  | Council of Canadians / Le Conseil des Canadiens                | Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance                               | New Mexico Environmental Law Center                   | River Guardian Foundation                          | Wasatch Clean Air Coalition                                       |
| Black Voters Matter Fund                                | Courage California   | Green Education & Legal Fund                                       | New York / New Jersey Environmental Watch             | River Valley Organizing                            | Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility                   |
| Bold Alliance   | Courage Montreal   | Green Newton   | New York Lawyers for the Public Interest              | Riverdale Jewish Earth Alliance                    | Washtenaw350  |
| Breathe the Project                                     | Curr Dynasty Creative  | Green Retirement   | Ni Btháska Stand Collective                           | RootsAction  | Water and Air Team Charlevoix                                     |
| British Columbia Hydro Ratepayers Association           | Damascus Citizens for Sustainability                           | Green State Solutions  | Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson                              | Safe Energy Rights Group                           | Waterkeeper Alliance  |
| Bronx Climate Justice North                             | Deep Green Resistance New York                                 | Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice                   | North American Climate, Conservation, and Environment | San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace                  | Waterspirit   |
| Buckeye Environmental Network                           | Deep South Center for Environmental Justice                    | GreenRoost   | North American Water Office                           | Sane Energy Project                                | West Dryden Residents Against Pipeline                            |
| Bucks County Concerned Citizens Against the Pipelines   | Democratic Environmental Caucus of St. Bernard Parish          | Gulf Coast Center for Law & Policy                                 | North Country Earth Action                            | Santa Barbara Standing Rock Coalition              | Western Organization of Resource Councils                         |
| Bucks Environmental Action                              | Descendants Project  | Haiti Cholera Research Funding Foundation USA                      | North Range Concerned Citizens                        | Santa Cruz Climate Action Network                  | Western Rural + Plains States Project                             |
| Businesses for a Livable Climate                        | Detroit Hamtramck Coalition for Advancing Healthy Environments | Harambee House   | Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council        | Save Our Illinois Land                             | Western Watersheds Project  |
| California Businesses for a Livable Climate             | Dis Organization for Solar Power                               | Harvard Solar Gardens  | Northridge Indivisible                                | Save RGV from LNG                                  | White Rabbit Grove RDNA   |
| California Democratic Party Environmental Caucus        | Dogwood Alliance   | Healthy Gulf   | No Waste Louisiana                                    | Save the Frogs!                                    | Wild Nature Institute   |
| California River Watch                                  | Don't Gas the Meadowslands Coalition                           | Heirs To Our Oceans  | Nuclear Information & Resource Service                | Science & Environmental Health Network             | WildEarth Guardians   |
| California Safe Schools                                 | Don't Waste Arizona  |  |   | Seniors For Climate Action Now!                    | Wilderness Committee  |
| Call to Action Colorado                                 | Don't Waste Michigan   |  |   | Sequoia ForestKeeper                               | Widsight  |
| Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment  | Drawdown Bay Area  |  |   | Seven Circles Foundation                           | Women Watch Afrika  |
| Canadian Environmental Law Association                  | Earth Action   |  |   | Shenandoah Energy Services                         | Women's Earth and Climate Action Network                          |
| Canadian Health Association for Sustainability & Equity | Earth Care   |  |   | Sierra Club Canada Foundation                      | Women's Healthy Environments Network                              |
| Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice                  | Earth Day Initiative   |  |   | Sierra Club Delta Chapter                          | Working Families Joliet   |
| Canadian Voice of Women for Peace                       |  |  |   | Simcoe County Environmental Youth Alliance         | Young Democrats of America  |
| Canadians for Tax Fairness                              |  |  |   | Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition                  | Environmental Caucus  |
| Cape Downwinders  |  |  |   | Sisters of Charity Federation                      | Youth United for Climate Crisis Action                            |
| Carrie Dickerson Foundation                             |  |  |   | Sisters of Charity of New York                     | Youth Vs. Apocalypse  |
|   |  |  |   | Snake River Alliance                               | Zero Hour   |
|   |  |  |   | Social Eco Education Los Angeles                   |   |